

Blending, Braiding and Sustainable Funding Sub-Committee

09/19/2012

Meeting Minutes:

Approved 10/23/2012

Participants:

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Responses to Proposed Priorities:

1. Stakeholder ~~focus groups~~ round tables to identify barriers – Rather than focus on the “how”, the group decided that this is one way of getting information from stakeholders about the primary priority of **identifying unintended consequences and nuances of eligibility and other requirements (e.g. immunizations)**
2. How multiple funding streams relate to the cost of quality of early learning and care – How can we incorporate this into the work being done for the development of the TQRIS? Ideally, there should be a range associated with “quality” that is respectful of various settings, populations, and other variables. (i.e. Triage approach)
3. Eligibility – Get the recommendations from the Child Care Advisory ~~Committee~~ Council as a basis for discussion. Analyze the unintended consequences and nuances of eligibility and other requirements (e.g. immunizations)
4. Exploration of the use of Title I Funds – Work with ISBE to collect information on how programs are currently using Title I funds. Do principals have discretion in practice? (i.e. Does the district allocate first and building administrators get what is left over?)
5. Research state examples of the expansion of the Pre-K funding formula – Use PEW report as a resource. Collect additional research on how the incorporation of Pre-K into school funding formulas affects 0-3 and other targeted funding in these states.
6. (Added) Research the possibility of a regional blending/braiding approach. Pilot a “public blender”.

Other Considerations:

- Technology – How could we align forms funding source to reduce barriers to programs?
- Deliverables – Align these to the priorities more clearly. Scan for groups already doing some of this work. Get Hard to Reach recommendations from Tom Lehman.
- Ongoing participation – The sub-committee agreed to have a second face-to-face meeting on Oct 23rd and will have a standing meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning in December. Adjustments to the schedule will be made as needed.

Tentative BBSF Sub-Committee Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Format
Tuesday, 10/23/2012	10:00a – 12:00p	TBD	Face to Face
Tuesday, 12/11/2012	10:00a – 12:00p	TBD	Phone
Tuesday, 01/08/2012 ³	10:00a – 12:00p	TBD	Face to Face

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Tuesday, 02/12/20123	10:00a – 12:00p	TBD	Phone
Tuesday, 03/12/20123	10:00a – 12:00p	TBD	Face to Face
Tuesday, 04/09/20123	10:00a – 12:00p	TBD	Phone
Tuesday, 05/14/20123	10:00a – 12:00p	TBD	Face to Face
Tuesday, 06/11/20123	10:00a – 12:00p	TBD	Phone